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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure: SB408

Dear senate committee,

Absolute power corrupts absolutely. Division of authority is necessary in my opinion.

Each health board has standards already in place to safeguard their disciplines.

Giving all the authority to the OHA would potentially lead to loss of nuance at the mild end to full on politically motivated suppression of freedoms on the extreme end.

There is a ton of “grey” in medicine and without the ability to practice with an abundance of flexibility and caution individualized care, shared decision making and freedom to choose will be lost. Please think long and hard about the potential pros and cons, really examine the current system and conclusively determine it is

dysfunctional before replacing it with something else. Please make sure that this new authority to the OHA serves everyone and has the infrastructure, expertise and funding to do so. Thank you for your consideration

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